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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL REQUEST FOR ASYLUM -- OSKAR HONISCH AND FAMILY

1. EMBASSY APPROACHED BY OSKAR HONISCH, CZECH NATIONAL, BORN FEB 17, 1931, PRAGUE, RE POSSIBLE ASYLUM IN U. S. SUBJECT MARRIED WITHONE CHILD. WIFE: EVA HONISCHOVA NEE VIPLEROVA, BORN FEB 27, 1936, PRAGUE. CHILD: DOMINIKA, BORN MAY 23, 1965, PRAGUE. EMBOFF ASKED SUBJECT PUT REQUEST IN WRITING WHICH HE AGREED DO. SUBJECT SAID HE WOULD BRING STATEMENT TO EMBASSY APRIL 9.

2. SUBJECT HAS DIRECT CONTRACT WITH GRZ. HAS WORKED AGRICULTURAL ADVISER MINISTRY RURAL DEVELOPMENT SINCE JANUARY 1969. WIFE WORKS AS CHEMIST WITH NATIONAL MILLING COMPANY. BOTH POSSESS MASTER'S

DEGREES THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS. EMBASSY DEFECTOR COMMITTEE MET APRIL 6 AND CONCLUDED NOT REPEAT NOT DEFECTOR CASE.

E. EMBASSY BLIEVES SUBJECT WILL ASK FOR ASYLUM. SUBJECT INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY BY CZECH EMBASSY HE WILL BE PROSECUTED UPON RETURNING CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR REMAINING OUTSIDE COUNTRY PAST EXPIRATION DATE OF HIS EXIT PERMIT. INSTEAD OF RETURNING CZECHOSLVAKIA LAST YEAR AT END OF HIS ORIGINAL 3- YEAR CONTRACT WITH GRZ, SUBJECT WITHOUT AUTHORITY RENEWED CONTRACT IN ORDER
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REMAIN HERE. ACCORDING SUBJECT, HE FACES PRISON SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS TO FIVE YEARS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SUBJECT SAID HE NOT WILLING GO TO JAIL AND DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN ANY CASE. ALLEGED HE KNOWN SUPPORTER OF DUBCEK REGIME AND FEARS POLITICAL REPRISALS SHOULD HE RETURN HOME.

4. SUBJECT FEELS NO PERSONAL DANGER AT PRESENT TIME. BELIEVES PROBLEM WILL ARISE WHEN HIS AND WIFE'S WORK PERMITS EXPIRE MAY 30. POSITION COMPLICATED BY FACT WIFE'S (AND DAUGHTER'S) PASSPORT EXPIRED MARCH 31. SUBJECT'S PASSPORT DUE EXPIRE JUNE 30. CZECH EMBASSY ALREADY INDICATED PASSPORTS COULD NOT BE RENEWED.

5. SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY INQUIRED LOCAL UNHCR REP RE POLITICAL REFUGEE STATUS. WHILE LOCAL REP APPARENTLY TRIED DISSUADE SUBJECT FROM ATTEMPTING THIS HERE, REP TOLD SUBJECT MIGHT QUALIFY AS POLITICAL REFUGEE IF HE LIKELY TO FACE POLITICAL PERSECUTION UPON HIS RETURN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. REP HAS NO LOCAL PRECEDENTS GO ON AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HOW SUBJECT'S CASE WOULD BE TREATED BY CZECHS. REP UNCERTAIN HOW GRZ AUTHORITIES WOULD REACT SHOULD SUBJECT ASK FOR POLITICAL REFUGEE STATUS THROUGH HIS OFFICE.

6. SUBJECT ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT U. S. IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES AND WAS GIVEN FORMS TO COMPLETE FOR LABOR CERTIFICATION.

7. APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT ABLE OFFER, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO CONSEQUENCES EXPERIENCED BY CZECHS RETURNING HOME AFTER EXPIRATION EXIT PERMIT.
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